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Navy/Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) Navy Government Furnished Facilities (GFF) Newsletter

Introduction:

Welcome to the first Navy NMCI GFF newsletter. To help keep you up to date on the GFF program status, we will be sending out newsletters on a regular basis. A description of the responsibilities of the GFF PMO can be found in the NMCI Operations Manual at <http://www.efdswww.navfac.navy.mil/05/051/pdf/NMCIOperationsManual.pdf>.

Web Site:

The Southwest Division website contains information on the program including links to: the contract, the Navy NMCI Operations Manual, the draft ISF Facilities Standards Handbook, monthly facilities status reports, and other program interest items. We try to keep it up to date, so please check periodically to see what's new. The site can be found at <http://www.efdswww.navfac.navy.mil/05/051/NMCI.htm>.

Schedule:

The Information Strike Force (ISF) has experienced some delays in rolling out NMCI. Consequently, work on many of the server farm facilities has been delayed.. We requested a revised construction schedule from ISF and will get it to all of you as soon as ISF provides it. In the mean time, some stations have asked us if they should be returning funds their major claimants provided to prepare buildings assigned to NMCI (upgrade electrical power, repair roofs, move personnel, etc.). Our answer is "absolutely not." We strongly recommend that you prepare the buildings this fiscal year for turnover to ISF, rather than send the funds back. Construction on some critical facilities was held up this year because of delays in the budget process. We'd like to prevent that from happening next year by completing turnover preparations now, before ISF gets authorization for construction at those sites.

BAN/LAN:

A significant challenge that we will face after establishing the server farms is locating additional space and assisting ISF in establishing the Base Area Network and Local Area Network (BAN/LAN). The BAN/LAN connects the NMCI seats to the server farm, and ultimately to the Intranet. Establishment of this infrastructure entails installation of exterior and interior cables throughout the bases, installation of Intermediate Distribution Facilities and Main Distribution

Facilities (IDFs/MDFs) in virtually every building throughout the inventory, and installation of Points of Presence (POPs) at bases having of NMCI users but no server farm . A few bases have gotten to this point already, and we've run into some issues with asbestos. Please review the Contracting Officer's position concerning asbestos at <http://www.efdswww.navfac.navy.mil/05/051/pdf/ContractingOfficersDecisions.pdf>. ISF is still validating space requirements for the IDFs, MDFs, and POPs, so we can't provide the final rules for them at this time. We'll publish a chart on the web site as soon as possible. Additionally, the Contracting Officer has decided that to support the ISF's establishment of the BAN/LAN infrastructure the Government must provide floor plans to the ISF for every building that will contain NMCI seats.

We're developing a process paper for BAN/LAN installation much like the process paper for server farms (that can be found on the web site). We expect to have that posted on the site next month.

Space:



We have recently discussed a change to the GFF business rules regarding space to be provided as "Base Level Support" under the terms of the contract. In short, the Government needs to provide the ISF administration and warehouse space at non-server farm locations, in addition to the Base Level Support space requirements previously promulgated (refer to PEO IT messages on the website). Since the PMO and Contracting Officer are currently working with the ISF to refine the proposal, we can't tell you the exact locations or how much total space will be required. We appreciate your assistance in helping to fill the new space requirement. Here is the draft requirements chart:

Number of Seats	Permanent Admin	Temp Admin	Temp Warehouse	Permanent Warehouse
1-20	0	100	0	100
21-50	100	100	200	200
51-100	100	200	400	400
101-200	200	200	800	800
201-350	300	400	1,200	1,000
351-700	500	400	1,600	1,200
701-1000	700	400	2,000	1,400

Furniture:

Paragraph 5.6 of the contract states in part that: "The Government will furnish the Contractor ... basic office furniture." At many first increment sites, ISF provided their own office furniture, either deeming Government offered furniture unsuitable for commercial use or ignoring the Government's responsibility under the contract. However, after the first increment the ISF has been more closely scrutinizing their facility build-out costs. Consequently, ISF is now requesting that the Government fulfill its' responsibility to provide "basic office furniture" under the contract. The Contracting Officer has reviewed ISF's request for furniture and finds that it is valid. The Contracting Officer's position is that the Government will first attempt to satisfy this requirement by providing good quality used/excess furniture (systems furniture is preferred). The station, region, or major claimant will provide new furniture in cases where "acceptable" used furniture is not available. The Contracting Officer has defined "acceptable" as that which would readily be used by Government personnel for the purpose intended. The Southwest Division interior

designers are available to discuss what furniture must be provided and can accomplish the furniture procurement on a reimbursable basis.

Other Contracting Officer's Positions:

To help clarify some issues that have been coming from the field, we worked with the Contracting Officer to develop contract interpretations in a number of areas. They can be viewed at <http://www.efdswww.navfac.navy.mil/05/051/pdf/ContractingOfficersDecisions.pdf>, and include:

1. Power for IDFs/MDFs
2. Lightning protection
3. Electrical transformers
4. Temporary power
5. Energy program compliance
6. Fuel for generators
7. Air pollution control credits
8. Server farm asbestos
9. BAN/LAN asbestos
10. Demolition of walls with lead-based paint
11. ISF rejection of buildings
12. Floor loading capacity
13. Furniture
14. Government liability
15. GFF contract changes
16. Turnover of infrastructure to ISF
17. Drawing reproduction
18. Funding PWC costs
19. Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards
20. New cable exemption for buildings on the demolition list
21. Construction easements
22. Custodial support

Site Concurrence Memorandum (SCM):

Agreements made between the stations and ISF for use and maintenance of buildings are recorded in the Facilities SCM. It's much like an Interservice Support Agreement, but with a non-government entity. The first major SCM is between Naval Base Coronado and ISF. It has been signed by both parties and posted on the website for use as an example in drafting your own SCM.

ROICC Focus:

Design Process:

Unlike most other contracts, the ROICC will take a significant role in the design process of this project. The ROICC responsibilities are depicted in the "NMCI Operations Manual" located on our website. In addition, the ROICC has been designated as the central point for design reviews for server farm construction and the BAN/LAN process.

Preconstruction Conferences:

The provisions of the NMCI contract are significantly different from the contracts you usually deal with. The contract doesn't include compliance with the ACoE safety standards, or Davis-Bacon wage rates, along with other normally encountered "standard"

provisions. Additionally, the Contracting Officer responsibilities remain at SPAWAR. We have prepared a draft "Preconstruction Conference Meeting Agenda" that should help you prepare for the Precon. That should be up on the website later this month. Additionally, someone from this office will try to attend the Precon, will at least be available to review the contract and ROICC responsibilities with you before the meeting either by phone or in person.

Contract Issue:

Our office interfaces with the NMCI Contracting Officer regularly on contract questions and issues. Please contact us for all contract questions that are not included in the current contract decision papers discussed previously.

NAVFAC Letter:

ROICC responsibilities are further detailed in the Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command letter of 20 May 2002 titled "ROICC Involvement with Navy and Marine Corps Internet (NMCI) Contract Construction Work". A copy of that letter can be found on the website at:
<http://www.efdswww.navfac.navy.mil/05/051/pdf/NAVFACguidance20May02.pdf>.